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For: MODULAR PROTEIN LIBRARIES AND METHODS OF PREPARATION

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the outstanding Official Action bearing a mail date of April 21, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended by the accompanying petition and fee for a three month extension of time to October 21, 2003.

A Request for Continued Examination was previously filed and has now been accepted by the Patent Office.

In response to the Examiner's request, a new Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon are being filed under separate cover listing those references not previously considered by the Examiner.

By the following amendments, claims 28, 29, 31, 32, and 36 are pending in the present application with claims 28-36 previously presented and examined, claims 30 and 31-33 cancelled herein, and claims 37-66 are newly added herein. No new matter has been introduced.

The outstanding rejections of the claims are believed to be obviated in view of the following amendments and remarks and will be addressed in detail below.